

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following species:

(A) Species I: Manufacturing a pad without the use of a mold (claims 1-19, 21-31, 33, 34, 49-60, 72-75, and 78-87; and


(B) Species II: Manufacturing a pad by applying a mold thereto (claims 35-47).

In response to the required election, the applicants elect Species I, claims 1-19, 21-31, 33, 34, 49-60, 72-75, and 78-87, without traverse. Non-elected claims 35-47 have been cancelled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part or other application. The foregoing election of Species I is made with the understanding that the Examiner and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are now bound to the finding of non-obviousness between each of the species.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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